



**Attorney Docket
32739 M 008**

#15
Response
R. Small/Logan
PATENT
1-16-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kensuke FUJIWARA
Serial No. : 09/280,518 Art Unit : 2861
Filed : April 5, 1999 Examiner : D. Yockey
For : Laser Intensity Adjusting Method

RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 14

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action of October 9, 2001 (Paper No. 14). Reply to Paper No. 14 is made without further amendment of the claims.

REMARKS

Further consideration of this application courteously is solicited. Paper No. 14 recognizes a central, on-going issue raised in connection with the prosecution of this patent application. This issue is how those of ordinary skill in the art would have understood Applicant's use of the phrase "further finely divided laser intensities". Paper No. 14 points out the occurrence of this phrase at page 6, line 23 through page 7, line 4, and also at page 12, lines 8 and 9.

On page 4 of Paper No. 14, under the heading "Response to Arguments", the Examiner correctly states the Applicant's position that once the set of fine interval step intensity values has been calculated according to the present invention, no additional